

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1435

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Alcoa High School Tornadoes football team on winning the TSSAA Division I, Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, the young men of the Alcoa High School Tornadoes recently etched their names into the glorious annals of Tennessee sports history by winning the TSSAA Division I, Class AAA state football championship; and

WHEREAS, these young warriors from Alcoa literally blew their opponents away during a five-game stretch that ended with the Tornadoes wielding the state title trophy; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa posted an impressive 9-1 regular season record that included an exciting 21-20 double-overtime victory over Knoxville West and six blowouts of lesser competition; and

WHEREAS, the Tornadoes subsequently stormed through the playoffs, demolishing Gatlinburg-Pittman 63-0, Pigeon Forge 52-0, and Giles County 42-12; and

WHEREAS, in the state title game, Alcoa routed East Nashville 45-14 to rightfully claim championship laurels in their classification; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoa High School football players truly distinguished themselves as gridiron greats during this championship season, and they, along with coaching mastermind Coach Gary Rankin, are richly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Gary Rankin and the Alcoa High School Tornadoes football team on winning the TSSAA Division I, Class AAA state championship and extend to these gifted athletes our best wishes for much continued success next season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal, appear without House or Senate designation.